

BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM
**Semester topic “(Past) Mobility and Migration:
Matters of Transfer and Translation”**

Monday, December 11th, 4:15 p.m.

**DO NEW METHODS REQUIRE NEW MODELS?
ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES OF MOBILITY IN A NEW ERA**
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Mobility is having a moment in the social sciences and archaeology has been an early and enthusiastic participant. The archaeological study of mobility is difficult, however. Ethnographic and historic accounts of movement are often poor analogues for the temporal and spatial scales accessible through archaeology. Further, the movement of people is usually indirectly marked in the archaeological record. Although archaeologists have developed and borrowed a number of techniques to more effectively examine mobility, these often track limited types of movement or identify material patterns that could arise from multiple processes. In this talk, I explore a series of case studies from the U.S. Southwest that suggest a mix of new and old techniques and rethinking models of the archaeological record will be useful going forward. In doing so, I also suggest how archaeology can contribute to and constrain research that often depicts extensive mobility as a product of the modern age.



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